

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2005.

Claims 10 and 14-16 were rejected as being indefinite. Claim 10, along with claims 5-9, has been canceled. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend upon independent claim 11. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ohba et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

As the Examiner will note, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite a layer of adhesive disposed between the first and second pairs of coil supporting arms. Ohba et al. does not teach such a layer of adhesive. The two actuator arms of Ohba et al. are already "connected to each other by a bent portion", and are formed "by folding an elongated metal plate member" (see, for example, Figs. 6A, 6B, Ohba et al.'s abstract and Col. 6, lines 22-28). Ohba et al., therefore, teach that the two actuator arms are connected together to begin with, and do not teach any such layer of adhesive.

Alternatively, Ohba et al. show a single carriage arm 190 and 200 in Figs. 8A and 9A. However, Ohba et al. do not teach that these carriage arms are in any way configured so as to enable first and second ones to be bonded or otherwise attached to one another. Fig. 8B shows a single carriage arm attached to a pivot bearing cartridge. Likewise, Fig. 9B shows a single carriage arm attached to a pivot bearing cartridge. Fig. 9B only shows that Ohba et al.'s single carriage arm may alternatively be mounted "upside down" (Col. 7, line 13). It is only the claimed embodiments, therefore, that define actuator arm assemblies and disk drives that include first and second actuator arms that define first and second coil attachment surfaces, and a first layer of adhesive disposed between the first and second pairs of coil supporting arms to attach the first and second actuator

arms together. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections are, therefore, respectfully requested.

New independent method claim 19 and a number of new dependent claims are presented herewith. Claim 19 recites a first bonding step to bond the first and second pairs of coil supporting arms together to define first and second coil attachment surfaces. Such a step is not taught in Ohba et al., as the carriage arm 180 in Fig. 6A (that includes two actuator arms) is "formed by folding an elongated metal plate member fabricated by ...". As Ohba et al. teach to fold an elongate metal plate to form both (e.g., first and second) actuator arms, no bonding step to bond the first and second pairs of coil supporting arms together is disclosed. Method claim 19 and its dependent claims, therefore, unambiguously define embodiments that are nowhere taught in the Ohba et al. applied reference.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below and whatever is necessary to resolve such issues will be done at once.

No fees are believed to be due with this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-1209, referencing Atty. Docket No. K35A1339.

Respectfully submitted,

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